



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ring in the St. Mary's School news

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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's

Christian Value of the month – October/November – Tolerance/Responsibility

My thanks to you for the kind words and messages sent following my recent sinus operation. By the miracle of technology I have been able to keep in touch with school daily via remote IT access! I look forward to seeing you all after half term and hope you enjoy a lovely break.

Kind regards,
Miss Taylor.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

This raised over £440 for Macmillan nurses and our Room for All appeal. The cakes were amazing and your support for these worthy causes very much appreciated. Thanks to all PTA helpers, staff, School councillors and Class 5 children who masterminded the event.



Cleaner update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Linda McNabb as our new member of staff. Linda is a former parent of pupils at St. Mary's and so already knows some of our staff.

School Lunches

The interim hot meals from Bishop's kitchens have worked well. Governors will let you know as soon as more permanent arrangements are in place.

Harvest Appeal



Our Harvest service was a delight with every child making an offering in art, poetry or song. It was the first time a large red tractor, made by Class 1, parked in the Church! Thanks from the community larder volunteers who were stunned at your generosity in donating goods for needy families in the city.

Birthday cakes

We are often asked to give cake out to class mates when a child has a birthday. We are happy to do so at the end of the school day so children may take the cake home but ask that cakes are already individually cut and wrapped. Cupcakes are ideal! Please note that due to our Healthy School status **we do not allow sweets in school.**

PTA AGM

This takes place on **Monday 31st October at 6pm in school.** Please join us to find out about last year's successful fundraising and plans for the future. A new committee will be voted in, and new members are always welcome. School staff will spend a day in January buying books for class libraries following the generous £4000 donation from PTA.

Uniform reminder

Collar and tie please after half term with jumpers or cardigans showing the school badge. Put the summer polo shirts and dresses into hibernation! We ask that all items are named. A warm sweatshirt/tracksuit may be useful for outdoor PE over the winter season.

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly - Every Thursday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome

Half term – 24th-28th October.

October

21st – National Schools Film Week – Classes 3,4,5 to watch Diary of A Wimpy Kid 2.

31st – Playgroup committee meeting, 1pm in school
• PTA AGM – 6pm in school • Forest School starts for Class 3 – 1.00-3.00pm

November

1st – Netball tournament at St. Mary's.

9th – Governors meet with School Improvement Advisor, Sarah Somers.

11th – Staffing, finance and environment governors meet, 3.30pm.

16th – TBC Football tournament

17th – Installation of Rev. Dr. Chris Moore, St. Mary's Church.

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News from the Classes

Class 1 are busy learning their sounds, and all about harvesting & the Harvest Festival

Class 2 are investigating sound

Class 3 are building model homes & electricity circuits

Class 4 are looking at the Bible, Tudor dancing, fables & legends and division in Maths

Class 5 are starting projects on WW2, & investigating parallel & series circuits in Science

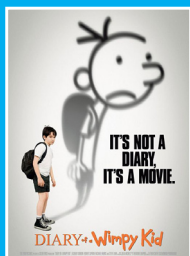
Advance notice – dates for your diary / calendar Christmas Theatre Vists



Class 4 & 5 will be going to Birmingham to see **The Jungle Book** on Tuesday 6th December



and **Class 1, 2 & 3** will be going to Cheltenham to see **Jack & the Beanstalk** on Thursday 15th December



National Schools Film Week

Classes 3, 4 and 5 will watch the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2' this Friday in the Memorial Hall.

Classes 1 and 2 will watch the film 'Happy Feet' in our school hall.

Chitraleka Indian dance and music day

This was a resounding success and the children rose to the challenge of performing at the end of the day. The day was partly funded by a grant from the Sylvia Short Charity. Class 4 & 5 learnt the Indian dance story of Rama & Sita, and Class 1, 2 & 3 enjoyed sessions with the Indian musicians.



Playgroup News

Playgroup is advertising for an additional member of staff to work in breakfast and after school care. If you are interested and have some relevant experience please contact Sue Dereham or Bethryn in playgroup.

School Council

The School Council have been voted in and they are: Year 1 Ted Etherton, Y2 Isabelle Sayce, Y3 Joe Powers, Y4 Aliyah Perkins, Y5 David Nunn and Y6 Lydia Russell. The Council has already written a summary of what's been going on in school this term for the Fownhope Flag, and hope to have an entry in each edition.

Forest School

Class 3 will be going to Forest School after Half Term. Please ensure children bring warm & waterproof clothes & wellies every MONDAY - including 31st October. As always we are looking for parent volunteers each week – 1.00-3.00pm **Please let the office know if you can help.**

Prayer times

As part of our collective worship each class has a special prayer time. These involve quiet music, reflection and time for the children to pray with their friends. So far Classes 4 and 5 have experienced prayer time worship and children have commented on how they like the calm and chance to think of what matters to them.

Term dates 2011/2012

Autumn Term 2011:

Half term 24th-28th October 2011

Term ends 16th December 2011

Spring Term 2012:

Term starts 4th Jan 2012

Half term 13th-17th Feb 2012

Term ends 30th March 2012

St. Mary's C of E Primary School – Board of Governors includes:

Allyson Taylor - Headteacher | Jaine Yule - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
Sian Nunn - Parent Governor